

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON  
AT SEATTLE

RUBIE’S COSTUME COMPANY, INC.,

Plaintiff,

v.

LUO LI JIANG, *et. al*,

Defendant.

Case No. 18-cv-01531-RAJ

ORDER GRANTING IN PART  
AND DENYING IN PART  
PLAINTIFF’S MOTION FOR  
ALTERNATIVE SERVICE

This matter comes before the Court on Plaintiff Rubie’s Costume Company, Inc.’s (“Rubie’s”) Motion for Authorization for Electronic Service of Process (“Motion”). Dkt. # 20. The Court has reviewed the Motion and supporting documents, and the remainder of the record. The Court finds that alternative service, as indicated below, is permitted as to some Defendants given the circumstances of this case, where the foreign defendants are likely residing in China and plaintiff has been unable to ascertain physical addresses for service after a reasonable effort. *See, e.g., Rubie’s Costume Company, Inc. v. Yiwu Hua Hoa Toys Co., Ltd.*, 2:18-cv-01530-RAJ (W.D. Wash. Nov. 25, 2019), Dkt. No. 22; *Keck v. Alibaba.com, Inc.*, 2018 WL 3632160, at \*3–4 (N.D. Cal. July 31, 2018);

1 *Microsoft Corp. v. Gameest Int'l Network Sales Co.*, 2017 WL 4517103, at \*2-3 (N.D.  
2 Cal. Oct. 10, 2017); *Chanel, Inc. v. Lin*, 2010 WL 2557503, at \*3 n.3 (N.D. Cal. May 7,  
3 2010); *Williams-Sonoma Inc. v. Friendfinder Inc.*, 2007 WL 1140639, at \*2 (N.D. Cal.  
4 Apr. 17, 2007). Rubie's has also identified physical addresses in China for three  
5 defendants and failed to demonstrate that they are elusive or otherwise striving to evade  
6 service of process. *Rio Properties, Inc. v. Rio Intern. Interlin*, 284 F.3d 1007, 1014 (9th  
7 Cir. 2002) (plaintiff must demonstrate that the facts and circumstances of the present case  
8 necessitated the district court's intervention for alternative service of process). From the  
9 record, it does not appear that Rubie's has attempted service on these defendants at all.  
10 Dkt. # 21, ¶¶ 7, 8, 15.

11         Given the above, the Court **GRANTS in part** and **DENIES in part** Rubie's  
12 Motion for Authorization for Electronic Service of Process. The Court also GRANTS  
13 Rubie's leave to file a Second Amended Complaint. *See* Fed. R. Civ. P. 15(a). Rubie's  
14 has leave under Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 4(f)(3) to serve Defendants Luo Li Jiang,  
15 Bai Jiang, Feng Huang, Dongyuan Deng, Xia Ya Qin, Xia Bu with the Second Amended  
16 Complaint, the Summons, and this Order by the following unique email addresses and  
17 Amazon Seller Accounts as indicated below:  
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Defendant	Amazon.com Seller Account	Email Address
Luo Li Jiang	"HEYMA" (A2ZZZPMHYOI9NN)	baijiang178@sina.com
Bai Jiang	"HEYMA" (A2ZZZPMHYOI9NN)	baijiang178@sina.com
Feng Huang	"AOSKA" (A2G6UEBMPDG0CB)	neile998@sina.com
Dongyuan Deng	"GoPrime.online-shop" (A2NKKAP3SFL0N0)	goprime.jc@hotmail.com
Xia Ya Qin	"XONOR-US" (A1IBZ2YQ3N7KD1)	xonoreu@163.com sales01@y2elec.com
Xia Bu	"BOBOO" (A3JOORNG3JX4WR)	buxiode1119@sina.com

Such service shall be made no later than 14 days from the date of this Order.

DATED this 25th day of November, 2019.



The Honorable Richard A. Jones  
United States District Judge